

Hood River Glacier.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1902.

The good roads convention held in Portland last week was well attended and it is hoped that it will be productive of good results. A state organization was formed, with Judge Scott of Salem as president, with the purpose of keeping the question before the people until they realize the importance of the movement. There is no question which more vitally affects the rural population of the country today than that of good roads, and none in which less interest is manifested by those most affected. It is one of the anomalies of human nature that the average resident will discuss for hours upon trusts and other questions by which they are but very slightly affected, but will struggle through the mud with less than would make a half load on good roads, without complaint and with no idea of attempting to improve the situation. Of course the subject of good roads is a big question and everything cannot be accomplished at once, but a start could and should be made in every community, and by constantly adding thereto a decided change for the better would soon be apparent on our country roads. As to the means of doing this, of course there would have to be some radical changes in the present road laws, and as a start in the right direction, if the property owner going out upon the highway and visiting for a few hours with his neighbors, were collected in cash and the proceeds applied to the construction of a permanent piece of road in some of the numerous "bad places" in each district, the public as well as the property owners would be the gainers thereby. The state organization should be followed by local organizations throughout the state, and every effort used to bring about an improvement in our present system of road making.

It seems that there was a misunderstanding among growers generally regarding the approximation prizes offered by Seattle and Portland merchants, and that they did not represent separate awards as many thought, but was only an offer to purchase the fruit receiving certain specified awards in the competition, at the prices mentioned, and if a grower did not wish to sell for the price offered it did not prevent his receiving the diploma for the class on which the offer was made.

Crappier Croppings.

Old Jack Frost made his appearance in parts of this neighborhood last week for the first time this fall, but did no damage to speak of except to bite a few squash and tomato vines and a few late beans. Miss Annie Edleman returned last Friday from the Willamette valley where she has been picking hops for the past four weeks. Mr. Friedley and son Harold returned from Sherman county on Saturday. H. K. Williams has finished picking his apples. They turned out very poorly on account of having improper care through the summer. A few of our young people attended the dance at Warren Miller's last Saturday night. They reported a fine time. There will be another dance there on Friday night, the 24th. Every body invited. M. KERR.

Belmont News.

(Crowded out of last week's issue.) While at work on Alfred Borman's house last Monday O. D. Bea, Perry Beau and W. E. Sherrill narrowly escaped serious injury. They were on a scaffold 12 feet from the ground when it suddenly gave way and spilled them on the ground below. With the exception of Mr. Bea, who happened to have his hand on a ladder to which he was able to cling, the men fell heavily and were considerably bruised and stiffened up, but fortunate that it was no worse. The ladies' aid society and Epworth League will give a Halloween social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nickelsen.

Rev. G. R. Archer preached here last Sunday. Howard Hoover, who has been staying at the home of F. G. Church, started Saturday evening for his home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Isenberg spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Isenberg. The progressive and diligent people of Belmont have succeeded in having the appearance and comfort of the Methodist parsonage by painting and repairing the entire premises and adding many other improvements.

Losses by Recent Fires.

Oregon. Timberland. A fuller investigation of the damage done to the standing timber in Washington and Oregon by the recent fires, shows a larger amount of green timber killed than was at first supposed. Oregon has suffered much less than Washington but has suffered in Clackamas and Multnomah counties. In Clackamas county, Washington, the fire traversed townships 3, 4 and 5 north, and 4 east. In Skamania, township 3 north, 5 and 6 east; 4 north, 5, 6, 7 and part of 8 east. In Cowlitz county ten sections on the Cowlitz river were traversed by the fire. In Chehalis county, Washington the fire started in section 10, and swept in a westerly and southwesterly direction into sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in township 19 S. to 19-10, and half through 11, to Humptulips river, a distance of twelve to fifteen miles, embracing an area of about thirty thousand acres, with an average stand of 40,000 feet per acre. It is estimated that a billion feet of Gray's Harbor has been injured. Comparatively little of this timber will be a total loss, as logging roads will be pushed into the burned sections and if logged within three or four years the bulk will be saved. It is difficult to arrive at anything like a true estimate of the damage inflicted on Clarke, Cowlitz and Skamania counties. Reliable estimates place the damage at from two to three billion feet. It must be realized in making an estimate of this character, however, the difficulty which surrounds it, owing to the many different owners and the exact damage inflicted on each tract.

The recent fires have demonstrated that the timber of Oregon and Washington with burn when conditions are favorable, and unless adequate laws are enacted, which will have a tendency

to check careless and irresponsible individuals from setting out fires, we may look forward to a repetition of the recent conflagrations. There is neither sense nor justice in attempting to disguise these self-apparent facts, and if the owners of timber lands and the people of Oregon and Washington in general, will awaken to a realization of these dangers, and pass remedial laws, the lesson learned by the 1902 fires will not have been too dearly bought.

NOTES OF THE MODES.

Summer Fabrics for Outdoor Wear—New Ideas in the Season's Gowns.

Emerald-green hat trimmings, veils, bodice, belt and collar accessories and parasols are everywhere seen, and silk petticoats and gloves of the same color, have recently appeared. Mercerized summer chemises are among the popular fabrics for general wear on the beach or in the mountains. They are to be found in pure white and a number of delicate colors, says the New York Post.

Very few stiff linen collars or starched stocks matching the bodice are worn with the Gibson and other popular shirt waists of the summer. Instead of these are numerous neckties, bands, and stocks of embroidered lawn, transparent net, lace and batiste, or those of sheer India mull interlarded with fine linen medallions or bordered with bands of insertion joined with rows of brioche stitching. Neckscarves of white crepe de chine are laid in tiny folds around the transparent net throat band, and finished at the top with a small turn-over collar of embroidery finished in the corners with French knots in either blue, black or cherry red.

A stylish gown worn at a fashionable summer resort is made of dotted silk wrap voile with Irish lace medallions graduated vertically on the very deep graduated skirt flounce. The high yoke is of the lace laid over a pink chiffon, with matching underlayers. A full blouse front is adhered to the skirt, and corresponding with it is a narrow hip yoke of lace to which the skirt is deftly shirred. This yoke extends up on the waist just enough to form a small girdle pointed at the top.

Among the new green gowns are those made of pineapple gauze, etamine, pongee, nun's veiling, French chambray, taffeta, grenadine and satin foulard. A green linen batiste dress has the skirt strapped with the goods down each seam. These strappings are strapped with white, and extend from the belt down to skirt-hem, each graduated being carried over the dounce. The blouse is laid in narrow tucks with piped strappings of the linen extending from the neck and shoulders in varied lengths, and set about an inch apart. Each strap is pointed at its lower edge, and the entire effect is that of a yoke with lines of the fine tucking showing between. The sleeves are in bishop style with a turn-back cuff of embroidery matching the collar and pointed girdle.

Stem-green crepe de chine gowns sent from French shops are decorated with insertion band and motifs of black chauntilly lace. To be worn with these gowns are black lace picture-hats made up over green tulle, and very graceful Alexandra berthes of crepe de chine. The berthes are trimmed with accordion-plaited frills of green mousseline de soie, bordered with incrustations of the lace, and the plaited ends are a yard and a quarter in length, banded at intervals with the mousseline frills set horizontally around the plaited scarfs. Very many of the newest summer gowns have tiny pelerines or fichus of matching fabric, and others of white guipure or black point de Gize lace, are very attractive, being delicately lined with either white, cameo-pink, sea-green, or primrose-yellow chifon, and finished at the edges of both cape and scarf ends, with a band of delicately colored silk embroidery in Persian effects.

DECLINE OF THE APRON.

An Article of Feminine Apparel Which is Now But Little Worn in Public. It is about 40 years since the popularity of the apron began to wane. At that time no woman's wardrobe was complete without an assortment of aprons for all sorts of occasions. The black silk apron was the acme of elegance and propriety, and any nondescript gown could, by the addition of a few rows of black velvet ribbon, be dignified and adorned to the utter satisfaction of the wearer, says Woman's Home Companion.

An apron had rather a wide field of usefulness when you consider that it not only preserved and embellished a new gown, but it also concealed the defects, and added dignity to an old one. An apron was always in regle. The best dress was kept clean by its use, and the daintiness of it represented all the feminine traits. It was a regular banner of the home. To its strings the children were tied. "Tied to his mother's apron strings!" Contemptuous expression of subordination! And yet so much sentiment attached to it! Whoever was tied to his mother's apron strings was comparatively safe—as in his mother's lead. Mother's apron! The baby was rolled in it. Childish tears were dried with it. The little boys used its strings as reins, and the little girls played pranks and tried its ample folds behind them, real ladies in waiting to an imaginary queen.

Those were ante-new-moan days. Knitting and needlework were feminine occupations. It was previous to the day of higher education for women. It may sound far-fetched to say that home sentiment waned with the decline of the apron. The latter may not have been the cause, but it certainly kept pace with it. I have the certain statement of a man to the effect that a snow-white apron tied neatly about a trim waist had power to attack the masculine heart at its most vulnerable point. After that say there is no sentiment about an apron! But man cherishes sentiment above things of which the feminine mind has no conception, and his heart has been many times ensnared in the muslin bow that tied at the back of his sweet-heart's waist this banner of the home. The last was about the man of a generation ago. But the man of to-day has the same sentiment—latent.

THE PARIS FAIR.

We have just received Sixteen different kinds of Ladies' Underskirts, that we have marked extremely Low. Call and get one that suits you before the assortment is broken.

If You Want to Keep Warm and dry this winter, Call and Examine our line of Winter Goods. We have a few Mackintoshes that we want to get out of our way. We will CUT THE PRICE to do it.

Every firm claims they sell cheaper than others. The people are not fools. We are willing to Let Them Judge, by coming in and getting prices on our goods. You are perfectly welcome to come and price our goods whether you want to buy or not.

Men's Blue Denim Overalls, "Boss of the Road" brand, only 35c. We undersell all others in Men's Hats, 60c and up. We are LEADERS of LOW PRICES.

His Life in Peril. "I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Ben of Welfare, Texas. "Biliousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy my hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at Chas. N. Clarke's drug store.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 9, 1902.—Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Vancouver, Washington, on Monday, October 27, 1902, viz: Township 36 N., Range 12 E., Section 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 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